BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 92-023-R - ORDER NO. 94-698 JULY 20, 1994

IN RE: Application of South Carolina Electric) ORDER GRANTING & Gas Company for Adjustments in the Company's Coach Fares and Charges, Routes, and Route Schedules.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the July 14, 1994 and July 18, 1994 requests of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) to revise its routes as originally approved by this Commission in Order No. 94-175 on March 1, 1994.

On March 1, 1994 this Commission issued its Order No. 94-175 at which time it adopted an agreement of the parties to this Docket reached on February 24, 1994, which encompassed certain route changes as recommended in the ATE Columbia studies. The effective date of those route changes was July 2, 1994.

SCE&G now comes before this Commission requesting modifications in order that more SCE&G customers might be served. The July 14, 1994 letter of Curtis L. Hamilton, Manager of Transit for Columbia, stated that due to the recent elimination of the Fort Jackson I bus route, some of the passengers on Fort Jackson Boulevard were unable to walk the distance to get to a current bus route. Hamilton requested that the Company be allowed to adjust

its Veterans Hospital route to include Fort Jackson Boulevard up to the Kilbourne Road intersection. According to Hamilton, the bus will turn on its normal Veterans Hospital route. While on Fort Jackson Boulevard, the bus will make three (3) stops at Wildcat Road, at Kilbourne Road, and at Crowson Road. Also, according to Hamilton, this bus has hourly service and the minor route modifications will easily be absorbed into its schedule.

The July 18, 1994 letter of Hamilton notes that, since the implementation of the Melrose Heights revised schedule, effective July 2, 1994, customers had complained to both the Commission Staff and SCE&G about the extended length of the bus service. Hamilton suggests that in order to alleviate the problem of late arrivals, unmet schedules and connections, and overall safety, he was requesting the Commission to allow the Company to revise the Melrose Heights routes, which would require a time schedule change. The revised route would be as follows:

The Melrose Heights bus will travel Gervais Street as it is presently doing. The bus will turn right onto Millwood Avenue, left onto Carlisle, left onto Daly Street and right onto Devereaux. The bus will proceed on to Devereaux until it reaches Kilbourne Road. The bus will then make a right turn onto Kilbourne Road and then left onto Devine Street. From Devine Street, the bus will turn right onto Millwood and back into the downtown area.

The Company, through Hamilton, states that this revised schedule will help the Company to continue to provide good customer service in the area.

The Commission has examined both of these route change requests and finds that they are in the public interest, and that

they will help SCE&G serve more customers with its transit service. The Commission believes that these route changes should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The route changes requested by SCE&G on July 14, 1994 and July 18, 1994 are hereby approved.
- 2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive .

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